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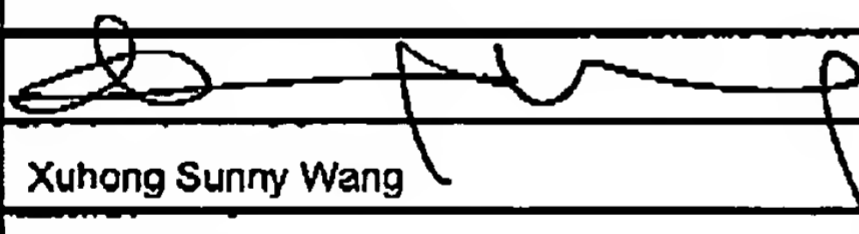
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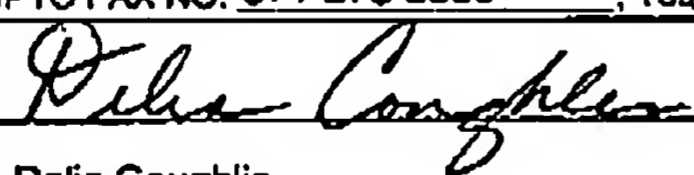
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Art Unit: 1651

Application No.: 10/665,864

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